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SHORTAGE OF SIM CARDS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of Sim Cards in the country specially in the Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to solve the problem?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. There is no shortage of SIM cards. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has released 72,78,603 cellular mobile connections in the country including 2,89,460 cellular mobile connections in the state of Karnataka during the current financial year till 31st January, 2007.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.